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Applicant: Hiroaki Shizuya Art Unit: 1636
Application No.: 09/896,509 Examiner: Maria Marvich
Filed: June 28, 2001
Title: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AN ESSENTIAL
GENE IN PROKARYOTIC MICROORGANISM

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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including Exhibit A(17 pages);
2. Three (3) Sheets of Corrected Formal Drawings;
3. Change of Attorney Address in Application (1 page); and
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

| CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 | |
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Applicants claim **SMALL ENTITY status** in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 7, 2003



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